

# TESTIMONIALS

OF

ARCHIBALD SIMPSON,

M.A., M.D., L.R.C.S. EDIN.,

(PRIZE MEDALLIST IN MIDWIFERY, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, 1851,)

CANDIDATE

FOR THE

PROFESSORSHIP OF MIDWIFERY

IN THE

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.



W. H. D. Simpson, Comptroller



TO THE  
RIGHT HON. HENRY AUSTIN BRUCE,

*Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
for the Home Department.*

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SIR,

Having offered myself as a Candidate for the Midwifery Chair in the University of Aberdeen, vacant by the death of Dr. DYCE, the appointment to which is vested in the Crown, I deem it my duty to lay before you the grounds on which I rest my qualifications for this important office. I attended for four years a full curriculum in the Faculty of Arts in the Marischal College and University of Aberdeen, on the completion of which I was admitted to the Degree of A.M. in 1847, being first graduate of that year. During the course of my studies in the Faculty of Arts, I obtained prizes in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Greek classes, and also in the 1st and 2nd Latin classes. I also obtained prizes in the Natural Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, and Logic classes. I obtained prizes in the 1st and 2nd Mathematical classes, and also, after an extended competitive trial, the Gray Bursary of £60.

On the completion of these studies, I entered as a student in the Medical classes of the above University, the full curriculum of which I attended for the period of four years.

I afterwards continued to prosecute my Medical studies at Edinburgh under Professors SIMPSON (now Sir JAMES Y. SIMPSON, Bart.), CHRISTISON, ALISON, BENNETT, GOODSIR, SYME, HENDERSON, and BALFOUR. I gained at Aberdeen an honorary certificate for Anatomy. I also obtained in Edinburgh (Session 1850-51) a Medal from Professor SIMPSON (now Sir JAMES Y. SIMPSON), "for very high merit as a pupil in the class of Midwifery." I afterwards acted for one year as Resident Medical Assistant in the Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen. In 1851 I was admitted a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; and in 1852 I obtained the Degree of M.D. from the University of Aberdeen, with honours.

After the completion of my Medical studies, I acted for three years as Assistant to Dr. J. F. OGILVIE, Surgeon to H.B.M.'s Consulate at Alexandria, Egypt; and afterwards as Surgeon of the London Jews' Society's Hospital at Jerusalem.

Since my return to Britain, I have for the last eleven years been engaged as a Medical Practitioner in London, during which period I have acquired extensive experience in my profession, particularly in the treatment of Midwifery cases, the number of these cases falling annually under my care having been very considerable.

I take the liberty of appending a few Certificates from eminent members of the Medical Profession, &c.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

ARCHIBALD SIMPSON, M.D., L.R.C.S.E.

12, CANONBURY SQUARE, LONDON,

*January 25th, 1869.*

## TESTIMONIALS.





*From* ROBERT BARNES, ESQ., M.D., F.R.C.P., *Obstetric Physician and Lecturer on Midwifery, St. Thomas's Hospital; Examiner in Midwifery, Royal College of Surgeons, etc., etc.*

46, FINSBURY SQUARE,

19th January, 1869.

I HAVE much satisfaction in bearing testimony to the high professional character of DR. ARCHIBALD SIMPSON. I have had frequent opportunities of forming an opinion of his attainments in obstetrics. I believe these to be unusually extensive and accurate, and that his knowledge and practical skill are guided by a sound and steady judgment.

ROBERT BARNES, M.D.



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*From* CHARLES MURCHISON, ESQ., M.D., F.R.S., *etc.*,  
*Physician to the Middlesex and Fever Hospitals,*  
*London, Author of “ The Continued Fevers of Great*  
*Britain,” etc., etc.*

79, WIMPOLE STREET, LONDON, W.,  
*January 19th, 1869.*

I HAVE known DR. ARCHIBALD SIMPSON for several years as a zealous, able, and successful practitioner of medicine. He has paid particular attention to Midwifery and the diseases of children, and I have much pleasure in recommending him, as, in my opinion, well fitted for the vacant Professorship of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, for which he is a candidate.

CHARLES MURCHISON, M.D., F.R.S.  
*Physician and Lecturer in Medicine,*  
*Middlesex Hospital.*



*From DR. J. FORBES OGILVIE, late Surgeon to H.B.M.'s  
Consulate, Alexandria, Egypt, and to the Marine  
Hospital of H. H. the Viceroy; now Surgeon to H. H.  
Hassan Pacha.*

ALEXANDRIA,  
May 17th, 1856.

SINCE DR. SIMPSON'S arrival in Egypt in September, 1852, up to the present time he has acted as my assistant in all departments of my practice, which has embraced cases requiring Medical and Surgical treatment, Midwifery cases, and occasionally important questions in Medical jurisprudence. He has all along acquitted himself to my entire satisfaction, and I have every reason to speak highly of his professional abilities as well as of his steadiness, studious habits, and high moral character. His education, general and professional, has been a most liberal one; and he has profited very much by the professional experience which has been thrown in his way while here. Most sincerely do I wish him every success and happiness; and I doubt not that he will be as highly appreciated by his patients elsewhere as he has been in Alexandria.

J. F. OGILVIE, M.D.,

*Surgeon to H.B.M.'s Consulate,  
in Alexandria, Egypt.*



*From J. MACROBIN, ESQ., M.D., Professor of Medicine in  
the University of Aberdeen, Member of the General  
Council of Medical Education, etc.*

MARISCHAL COLLEGE, ABERDEEN,

20th May, 1852.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE much pleasure in certifying that, during the time you were under my observation as a pupil of this University you were a most diligent and attentive student, that you passed your examinations previous to graduation with the utmost credit to yourself and satisfaction to the Examiners,—that your proficiency attracted the particular attention of all the Professors and Lecturers in the different branches on which you were examined, and that from the opportunities I have had of knowing your attainments in general science, as well as in medicine, and your moral principles and conduct, I have no hesitation in recommending you in the very highest terms to the notice of any one requiring your professional services, or to fill any Medical appointment for which you may apply.

I am, my dear Sir,

With best wishes,

Yours most faithfully,

J. MACROBIN, M.D.,  
*Professor of Medicine.*

DR. A. SIMPSON.



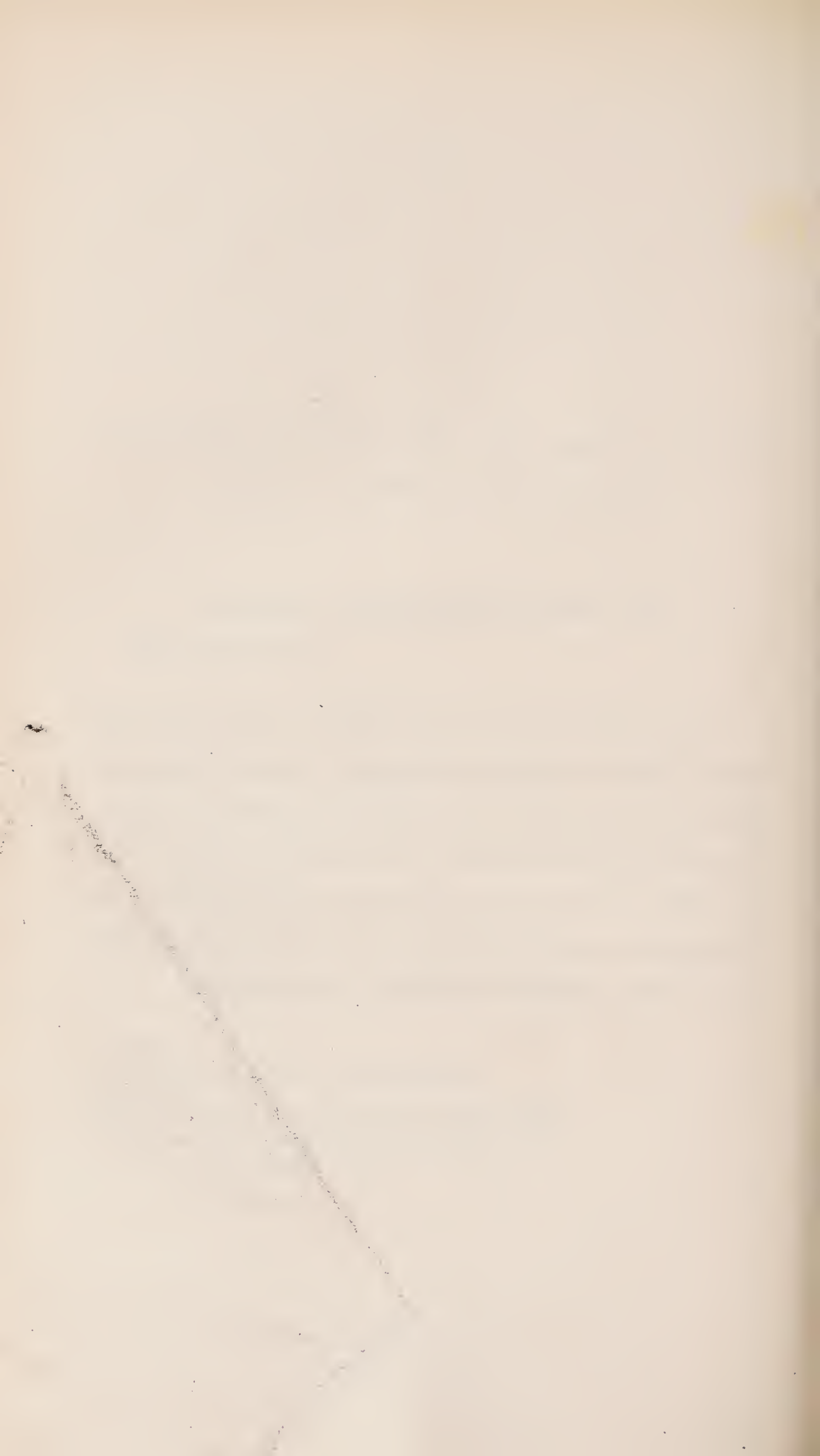


*From* WM. PIRRIE, ESQ., M.D., F.R.S.E., *Professor of  
Surgery in the University of Aberdeen.*

238, UNION STREET WEST, ABERDEEN,  
21st May, 1852.

I CERTIFY that DR. ARCHIBALD SIMPSON stood in the first rank of Medical Students at Marischal College during five different Sessions, and that he excelled specially in Surgery. I had frequent opportunities of meeting DR. SIMPSON, and can safely say that he is possessed of great talents and acquirements, and that I know no one of the same standing who is better qualified for practising his profession.

WILLIAM PIRRIE, F.R.S.E.,  
*Regius Professor of Surgery in Marischal College  
and University of Aberdeen. Surgeon to the  
Royal Infirmary.*



*From DR. A. JARDINE LIZARS, late Professor of Anatomy  
in the University of Aberdeen.*

THIS Honorary Certificate is granted by me to Mr. ARCHIBALD SIMPSON, in testimony of my respect for the great talent and assiduity displayed by him in the Anatomical class of Marischal College and University of Aberdeen during the Session 1847-48.

A. JARDINE LIZARS, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,  
*Professor of Anatomy.*

ABERDEEN,

*April 7th, 1848.*



*From R. RATTRAY, ESQ., M.D., Medical Superintendent of  
the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.*

ROYAL INFIRMARY, ABERDEEN,

22nd July, 1852.

I CERTIFY that I have known ARCHIBALD SIMPSON, A.M., M.D., Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, since the time he commenced his Medical studies at this Hospital. He was appointed to be one of the Resident Clerks in the Institution, and acted as Surgeon's Assistant for six months, and the following six months as Physician's Assistant. Dr. Simpson has had the benefit of a very complete preliminary and Medical education, and has always been esteemed a student of the first order. My experience of him enables me to speak of him as a highly-intelligent, industrious, and honourable man, and I doubt not that his abilities will gain for him the confidence and esteem of all those whom he may have occasion to meet, either professionally or otherwise.

ROBERT RATTRAY, M.D.,

*Superintendent and Apothecary to the  
Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.*



ROYAL INFIRMARY, ABERDEEN,

13th April, 1852.

THESE are to certify that Mr. ARCHIBALD SIMPSON was appointed by the Managers to fill the office of Resident Assistant to the Surgeons in this Hospital, and that he discharged the duties of the same from the 1st day of April, 1851, to the 1st day of November, 1851.

GEORGE HENRY,

*Provost of Aberdeen.*

*President of the Managers of the Infirmary.*

WM. KEITH,

WM. PIRRIE,

DAVID KERR,

A. JARDINE LIZARS,

} *Surgeons.*

JOHN CADENHEAD,

*Opthalmic Surgeon.*

ROBERT RATTRAY,

*Superintendent.*

WILLIAM WALKER,

*Secretary.*





ROYAL INFIRMARY, ABERDEEN,

13th April, 1852.

THESE are to certify that MR. ARCHIBALD SIMPSON was appointed by the Managers to fill the office of Resident Assistant to the Physicians in this Hospital, and that he discharged the duties of the same from the 1st day of October, 1851, to the 1st day of April, 1852.

GEORGE HENRY,

*Provost of Aberdeen and President of the  
Managers of the Infirmary.*

ROBERT DYCE, M.D.,

ALEXANDER KILGOUR, M.D.,

ALEXANDER HARVEY, M.D.

GEORGE J. NICOL, M.D.

} *Physicians.*

ROBERT RATTRAY,

*Superintendent.*

W. WALKER,

*Secretary.*



*From the* REV. JOHN CRUICKSHANK, LL.D., *late Professor of Mathematics in the Marischal College and University of Aberdeen.*

MARISCHAL COLLEGE, ABERDEEN,  
29th October, 1851.

I CERTIFY that ARCHIBALD SIMPSON, A.M., studied Mathematics in the Marischal College and University, during four Sessions, with distinguished success; that he gained three prizes in that department, one of them being our highest prize, amounting to £60; and that he was the first in merit among the candidates who obtained the degree of A.M in 1847.

JOHN CRUICKSHANK,

*Professor of Mathematics.*



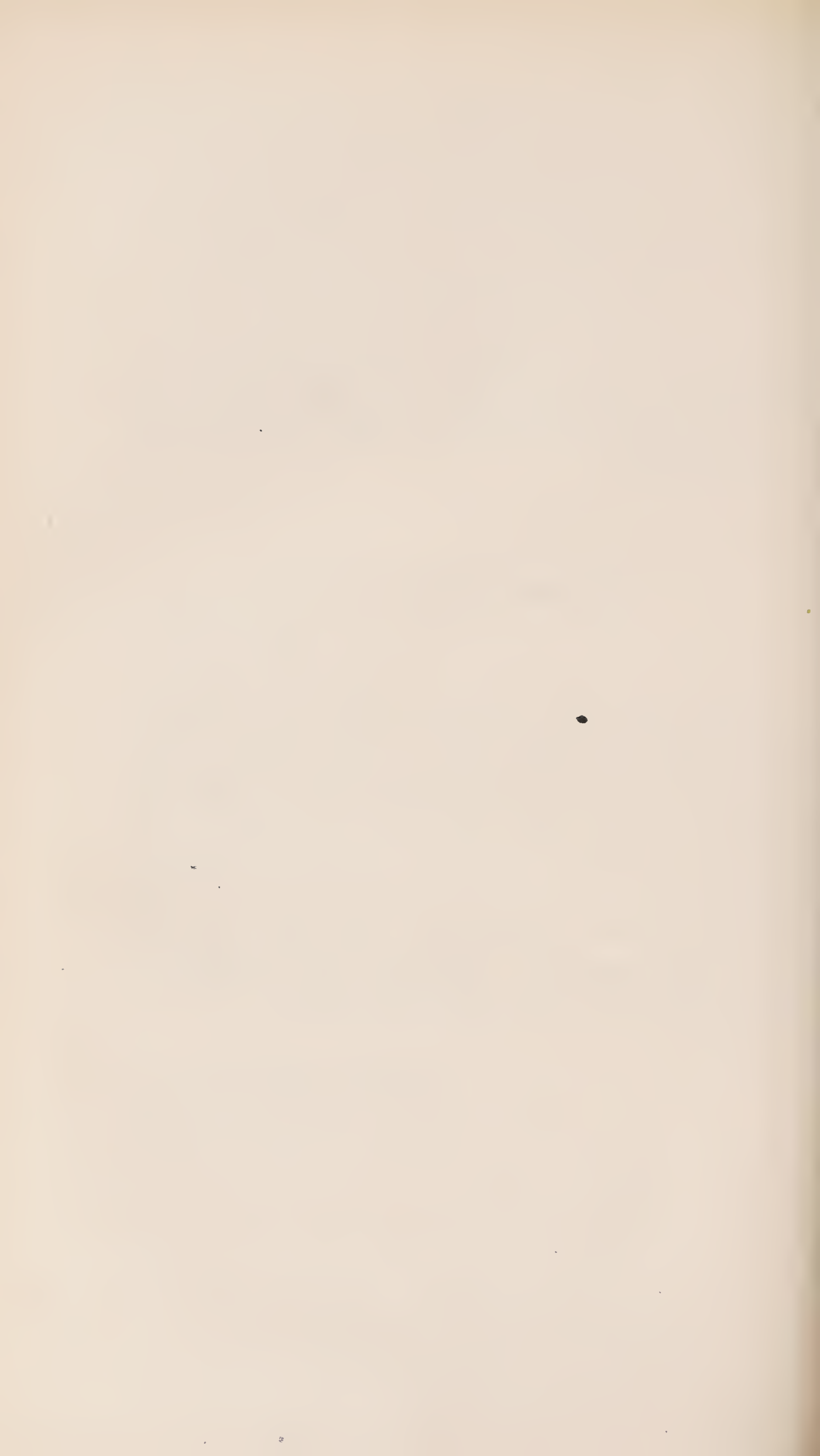
*From DAVID GRAY, ESQ., M.A., late Professor of Natural  
Philosophy in the Marischal College, and University  
of Aberdeen.*

MARISCHAL COLLEGE, ABERDEEN,

*April, 1848.*

I CERTIFY that MR. ARCHIBALD SIMPSON was a Student in the Natural Philosophy class in this University during the Session of 1845-6, that he performed all the prescribed exercises with great skill and accuracy, and that his appearances at the Examinations of the class placed him above all his fellow students, and entitled him to the first prize in that department. MR. SIMPSON also carried off a distinguished prize in the general competition.

DAVID GRAY, M.A.,  
*Professor of Natural Philosophy.*



*From JOHN STEWART BLACKIE, ESQ., M.A., etc., Professor  
of Greek in the University of Edinburgh, formerly  
Professor of Humanity in the University of Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN. MARISCHAL COLLEGE,

*November, 1st, 1847.*

THAT MR. ARCHIBALD SIMPSON attended the 1st and 2nd  
Humanity classes in this University during Session 1843-4,  
and 1844-5, and that he stood in the first class of Merit as  
a Latin Scholar is attested by me.

JOHN S. BLACKIE,

*Litt. Hum. Prof.*







